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SUBJECT: NATO MIN: OPENING REMARKS

SUMMARY: THIS CABLE REPORTS ON NAC MINISTERIAL OPENING REMARKS BY SYG LUNS AND HONORARY PRESIDENT BITSIOS WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE MORNING SESSION, DECEMBER 12. AFTER STANDARD REMARKS WELCOMING THE MINISTERS TO THE SESSION AND MAKING A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS, SYG TURNED TO FONMIN BITSIOS (GREECE) FOR HIS OPENING REMARKS AS HONORARY PRESIDENT. BITSIOS BEGAN BY REFERRING TO RECENT REVIVAL OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN GREECE. BITSIOS CALLED THIS A "REASON FOR REJOICING"; HE SAID IT ALSO CALLS FOR "SOUL-SEARCHING BY ALL OF US" BECAUSE GREEK INTERNAL CHANGE "WAS ACHIEVED IN THE MIDST OF A GREAT INTERNATIONAL CRISIS WHICH INVOLVED ALLIED SOLIDARITY." HE PROMISED TO SAY MORE LATER IN HIS CAPACITY AS FONMIN OF GREECE. BITSIOS SAID ALLIANCE IS PURSUING DOUBLE OBJECTIVE OF DEFENSE AND DETENTE. HE CLOSED BY ALS WELCOMING FOREIGN MINISTERS. END SUMMARY

1. SYG REMARKS: GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE AT THE OPENING OF OUR MINISTERIAL MEETING TO EXTEND A WORD OF WELCOME TO ALL THE MINISTERS AROUND THE TABLE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE WHO ARE JOINING US FOR THE FIRST TIME. THIS EXTENDS TO OUR DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT D'HONNEUR, MR. BITSIOS, WHO IS AMONG THOSE FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANTS. I EXTEND TO YOU MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND ON YOUR POSITION. I HAVE KNOWN YOU A LONG TIME. GREECE HAS SHOWN IT S POLITICAL MATURITY --- AS IS FURTHER DEMONSTRATED BY YOUR PRESENCE. I HASTEN TO ADD THAT THE OTHER NEWCOMERS, MR. MACEACHEN, MR. CAPMINOS AND MR. ESENBEL, ARE, OF COURSE, NO LESS WELCOME. MR. RUMOR AND MR. GULDBERG ARE, IN ADDITION, FAMILIAR FACES AROUND THIS TABLE BUT THIS IS THE FIRST REGULAR MINISTERIAL FOR THEM BOTH IN THEIR PRESENT CAPACITIES. IN THIS REGARD, I SHOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT I HAVE RECEIVED AN EXTREMELY COURTEOUS PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES OF PORTUGAL EXPLAINING WHY HE COULD NOT BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. I THOUGHT THE MINISTERS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THIS.

2. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL WORD FOR PRESIDENT RUMOR. WE ARE MOST THANKFUL THAT HE CAN BE PRESENT AFTER THE RECENT CONFIDENTIAL

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SERIOUS ACCIDENT, AN ACCIDENT THAT WOULD HAVE FORCED MOST OF US TO STAY IN BED FOR A WEEK. HOWEVER, HIS SENSE OF DUTY AND THE FACT THAT HE IS SUCH A STRONG MAN HAS ENABLED HIM TO BE PRESENT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE.

3. BEFORE ADJOURNING FOR OUR RESTRICTED MEETING IN ROOM 1, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW PROCEDURAL COMMENTS. THE NATO SPOKESMAN WILL BRIEF THE PRESS AFTR EACH SESSION, AND HE

MAY ACCORDINGLY BE IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESS OFFICIERS OF YOUR
DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE. THE USUAL COMMUNIQUE
DRAFTING COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN ROOM 7 TONIGHT AT 8:30. FINALLY,
LET ME POINT OUT THAT THE SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL, BOTH THE
RESTRICTED AND THE PLENARY SESSIONS, ARE CONCERNED WITH
SENSITIVE INFORMATION. I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT EVERYONE PRESENT
WILL OBSERVE THE NECESSITY FOR THE UTMOST DISCRETION OUTSIDE
THESE WALLS. I SAY THIS WITHOUT TOO MUCH HOPE, BUT I SAY IT
EACH YEAR.

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4. AND NOW, I TURN TO THE PRESIDENT D'HONNEUR.
BEGIN TEXT OF HONORARY PRESIDENT BITSIOS

AS I TAKE THE CHAIR AS PRESIDENT D'HONNEUR OF THE NORTH
ATLANTIC COUNCIL I AM DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOMENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OCCASION.

AFTER YEARS OF SUFFERINGS, SORROW AND STRUGGLE, THE GREEK
PEOPLE HAVE AGAIN TAKEN THEIR FATE INTO THEIR OWN HANDS, REVIVING
THEIR LINKS WITH THE OTHER DEMOCRATIC PEIPLES OF THE WORLD, AND
THEIR ANCIENT TIES WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN NATOIONS, KINDRED BY REASON
OF COMMON HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, CULTURE AND DESTINY. THEY BROUGHT
DEMOCRACY BACK TO ITS CRADLE IN CONDITIONS OF EXEMPLARY ORDER,
FREEDOM AND POLITICAL MATURITY. THERE IS INDEED GOOD REASON FOR
REJOICING IN THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUT THERE IS ALSO SCOPE FOR
CONSIDERABLE SOUL-SEARCHING BY ALL OF US SINCE PROFOUND
INTERNAL CHANGE WAS ACHIEVED IN THE MIDST OF GRAVE INTERNATIONAL
CRISIS WHICH INVOLVED ALLIED SOLIDARITY. THIS IS NOT THE TIME AND
THE PLACE TO DWELL ON THE SUBJECT. I SHALL HAVE MORE TO SAY LATER,
IN MY CAPACITY AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREECE.

AT THIS JUNCTURE, AS PRESIDENT D'HONNEUR, I WISH TO STRESS
THAT THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE IS UPPERMOST AMONG OUR
COMMON ENDEAVORS. IN THIS WE ALL PURSUE THE DOUBLE OBJECTIVE
OF DEFENSE AND DETENTE AS COMPLEMENTARY AND INDEED INTER-
DEPENDENT TARGETS. THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE. BUT LET US NOT LOSE
SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT IN ORDER TO DO SO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY,
WE MUST NOT ONLY PROCLAIM BUT ALSO ACTIVELY APPLY THE VALUES AND
IDEALS WHICH THE ALLIANCE IS CALLED UPON TO DEFEND.

L IN OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD, NEW AND IMPORTANT PROBLEMS
ARISE, NOVEL DEMANDS AND STRESSES ARE PLACED UPON OUR
DEVELOPING SOCIETIES, UNNFORESEEN EVENTS ALTER THE PICTURE CONS-
TANTLY. TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGE, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US, HERE:

TO SHOW IMAGINATION COMBINED WITH REALISM, FLEXIBILITY ALONG
WITH PERSEVERENCE AND ABOVE ALL POLITICAL WISDOM ACCOMPANIED BY

THE POLITICAL COURAGE NEEDED TO ADAPT OUR RESPONSES TO THE EVER-CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

OUR AGENDA WILL PROVIDE US WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

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IN THIS DIFFICULT AND DELICATE TASK WHICH LIES AHEAD OF US, WE WELCOME THE PRESENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTENDING THE MEETINGS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE VALUE HIGHLY THE CONTRIBUTION, WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN OUR DELIBERATIONS.

I AM CERTAIN THAT I EXPRESS THE FEELINGS OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES PRESENT HERE TODAY WHEN I OFFER ONCE MORE THE THANKS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM FOR THE CONTINUED FRIENDLY HOSPITALITY WHICH THEY EXTEND TO US IN THIS HISTORIC CITY OF BRUSSELS.

AND NOW I HAVE THE HONOR AND THE PLEASURE OF INVITING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO TAKE THE CHAIR.

END TEXT

5. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS THANKED THE HONORARY PRESIDENT SAYING HE HAD LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST TO HIS WISE WORDS. SYG THEN ADJOURNED TO THE RESTRICTED SESSION. KISSINGER

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